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Applicant: NAKAGAWA et al.  
Docket: 14470.0027US01  
Title: BODY FRAME FOR AN OFF-ROAD VEHICLE

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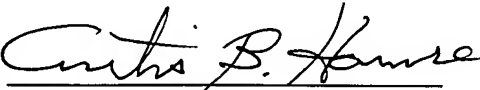


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